
Federal Way High School

Home of the Eagles

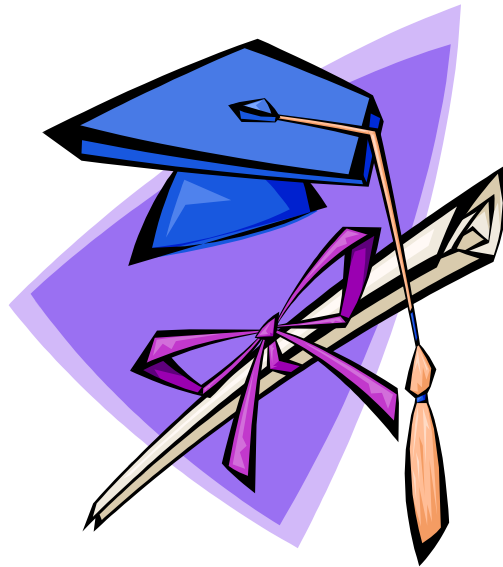


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The Class of

2009

COMMENCEMENT



GRADUATION GUIDE

For Seniors & their Parents

Eagle Dynasty – We Are Family

Federal Way High School
GRADUATION
Class of 2009
Sunday, June 7, 2009
1:00 pm
Tacoma Dome

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Arrival Time

Ceremony starts at 1:00 pm

Gates open at 12:00 pm

Graduates must be present by 12:00 pm. Parents, please plan to arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start of the ceremony to allow time to find seating.

Photographer

Professional photographers and videographers will be filming as each graduate receives his/her diploma. These will be available by mail or e-mail after graduation. Information will be given at rehearsal.

Alcohol/Tobacco Use

Any student under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies. The use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs is strictly forbidden at any school district event.

Attire/Behavior

Our staff and students are working to provide the best commencement exercise possible for our graduates. We plan to honor this memorable occasion with dignity and "class". ***We also ask all graduates and all those in attendance to use good judgment and avoid behaviors that will distract from the ceremony.***

The graduating ceremony is the culminating activity for students at Federal Way High School and the Federal Way School District. To participate in this ceremony, the Federal Way School District has developed the following policies and procedures to insure a quality experience for students, parents and community members.

The graduation ceremony will be conducted in the following manner:

1. All seniors should enter the Tacoma Dome through Lower A entrance.
2. All graduates will be searched.
3. Participating graduates are asked to use good taste in their choice of personal attire. Girls should wear light colors under their gown. Boys wear dark colored slacks under their gown. When you receive your gown, please take it out of the package at home and follow the care instructions provided. All graduates should carry their cap and gown on a hanger into the Tacoma Dome.
 - A. Every student participating in graduation will wear the cap and gown as selected by the class, in the proper manner as designated by their class officers and the Federal Way staff.
 - B. No decorations will be allowed on gowns. Hats may be decorated but must be school appropriate.
4. No cameras allowed on the floor. Cell phones must be turned off and put away.
5. Each student who participates in the graduation ceremony is expected to cooperate with all the Federal Way graduation staff throughout the entire ceremony.
6. Failure to comply with these stated requirements shall automatically forfeit a student's privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony. Additionally, failure to comply with the graduation ceremony standards will result in removal from the graduation ceremony and the withholding of the student's diploma until discipline sanctions are satisfied.

7. After the ceremony, family members and friends will be given time to take pictures and present gifts to the graduates.

If you have not ordered your cap and gown, call your Herff Jones representative, Mr. Joe Westfall at 206-361-6226.

Diplomas/Final Transcripts

A student shall be issued a diploma after completing the Federal Way School District's requirements for graduation:

- Earn 23.5 credits and satisfy all course requirements
- Pass required portions of the WASL or an approved alternative
- Complete and present Master Portfolio

Diplomas will be available for pick up in the Counseling Office on July 8, 15, 22 and 29, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you need a final transcript sent to a college, fill out a Final Transcript Request Form from the Counseling Office. **Diplomas or transcripts will not be released if there are any outstanding fines/fees owed.**

Senior Lineup

Graduates and faculty will be the only ones allowed in the lineup areas before the ceremony. Once they have entered, the graduates will not be permitted to leave. Seniors will line up in their designated areas in the same order and sit in the seats that they sat in at rehearsal.

Handicapped Parking and Seating

Above the main seating area is the wheelchair accessible platform. Space is available for one wheelchair and a seat for one attendee. Parking is available in Lots K and E with a valid placard. If you park in Lot K, enter through lower Gate A and take the elevator to the seating area. If you park in Lot E, then enter through Gate C.

Parking

Parking is available in the Tacoma Dome parking lots for an \$8.00 per car fee. Limited street parking is available in the general vicinity. There is free parking at the transit center by Freighthouse Square.

Tickets

Each graduate will receive 10 tickets for Commencement upon completing their Senior checkout sheet. These tickets will be distributed from the Bookkeeper's Office during lunches beginning June 1st as students are cleared for fines and credits.

Graduates may also purchase extra tickets at \$2 each (make check payable to Federal Way High School). Additional tickets will be on sale during lunches and after school in the Bookkeeper's Office. Tickets will also be on sale at the Tacoma Dome. Graduates who feel they need additional tickets are encouraged to talk to fellow graduates who may not need their full allotment of 10 tickets.

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will take place on Friday, June 5th at 12:30 pm. All seniors going through graduation **must** report for rehearsal in the Federal Way High School gymnasium. Estimated rehearsal time is about two hours. Rehearsal will mirror the actual graduation. Seating and marching order will be determined at rehearsal. If you do not attend rehearsal, you will be in the back of the line.

Senior BBQ

This year, Federal Way High School will be having a Senior BBQ after rehearsal, Friday, June 5th. There will be a nominal fee (TBD) and tickets will be sold starting June 2nd. The graduates will report to the Federal Way High gymnasium for graduation rehearsal, then attend the BBQ. All seniors are invited to attend. Seniors will supply their own transportation.

Grad Night Celebration

The '09 Grad Night Party Committee has contracted with a professional events planning company, which has put together a safe and fun-filled "all-night" package of events. The graduates will leave by bus from the Tacoma Dome after graduation (between 9:30 and 10:00 pm) and will return to Federal Way High School at 5:00 am.

Traditionally, the exact location of the Grad Night Parties has been kept a secret. This is both to enhance the excitement and to prevent any party-crashers. We can tell you that there will be music, games, entertainment and plenty of food. For information please call Tiffany Freeman, (206)841-7844..

Valuables/Security

There is no secure storage for purses or other valuables at the Tacoma Dome. Graduates should leave their valuables at home or with their family. Due to added Tacoma Dome security, all attending graduation are asked to not bring large purses or

backpacks into the Tacoma Dome. Federal Way High School's SRO will be inspecting students as they enter the Tacoma Dome. Students caught bringing inappropriate items into the Dome will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Senior Awards

Recognition for awards and scholarships will be held May 20th at 6:30 pm, in the Cafeteria. Please dress appropriately for this ceremonial affair.

Baccalaureate

A celebration of the Class of 2009 will be held June 4th, 7:00 pm, at St. Vincent's Catholic Church. Seniors are invited to take part in this event. It is strictly voluntary and family members are invited as well.

Withdrawal Procedures

All textbooks and supplies must be turned in by June 3rd. All fees, fines and detentions must be cleared by June 4th. **Anyone with outstanding fees, fines or detentions will be allowed to go through Commencement, but you will not receive your free tickets for your guests. Also, you will not be able to pick up your diploma or transcripts until fees and fines are paid.**

The Class of 2009 Calendar:

<i>May 16</i>	Senior Prom – Tacoma Art Museum
<i>May 19-21</i>	Senior Speaker Tryouts
<i>May 20</i>	Senior Awards Night, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria
<i>May 21</i>	Caps & Gowns Distributed during Lunches
<i>May 22</i>	BYU Finals Exams Completed and Returned to BYU
<i>May 27</i>	Senior Class Meeting, 8:56 am
<i>June 1-3</i>	Senior Finals
<i>June 4</i>	Senior Checkout
	Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm, St. Vincent's Catholic Church
<i>June 5</i>	Last Day for Seniors
	Graduation Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
	Senior BBQ after rehearsal
<i>June 7</i>	Graduation, 1:00 pm, Tacoma Dome
	Grad Night Celebration
<i>July 8, 15, 22 & 29</i>	Diploma and Final Transcript Pick Up, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Counseling Office

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GRADUATION CEREMONY
Class of 2009
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1:00 pm
Tacoma Dome

- ❖ Guests must enter at the upper Gate “C”.
- ❖ The seating is on a first come basis.
- ❖ Graduates will enter at the lower Gate “A”.
- ❖ The Tacoma Dome does not allow helium balloons in the building.

